

### **Homemade Pesticide For Snails and Slugs**

Diatomaceous earth is a powder-like dust made of tiny marine organisms called diatoms. It is effective on soft-bodied insects as well as snails and slugs. Just spread it on top of the soil and it works by cutting and irritating these soft organisms yet is harmless to other organisms. You can also put out shallow dishes of beer to trap snails and slugs.

### **To Keep Bugs Away From Houseplants**

This is the safest natural pesticide for any home gardener and is effective on a variety of bugs and insects. Mix 3 tablespoons of liquid detergent into a gallon of water. Use in a sprayer bottle for houseplants.

### **Another Bugs Away From Houseplants Mix**

To keep bugs away from houseplants, mix 1 clove garlic, 1 small hot pepper and 1 quart water in a blender. Pour into a spray bottle and apply to plants. Putting hot sauce on a cotton ball in a house plant pot will also repel pests.

### **Cabbageworms and Spider Mites Mix**

For garden pests like cabbageworms and spider mites, mix 2 tablespoons of salt in 1 gallon of water and use in a sprayer bottle.

### **Spearmint Hot Pepper Horseradish Spray**

This is effective on many different kinds of outside bugs and insects and should be an outside spray.

- 1/4 cup of hot red peppers
- 1/2 gallon water
- 1/4 cup of fresh spearmint
- 1/4 cup horseradish, both root and leaves
- 1 tablespoons of liquid detergent
- 1/4 cup green onion tops

Mix the spearmint leaves, horseradish, onion tops and peppers together with enough water to cover everything. Then strain the solution. Add a half-gallon of water and the detergent. You can use this to spray almost any plant safely. Store the mixture for a few days in a cool place.

### **Homemade Pesticide for Roses**

In your blender make a solution of leaves from a tomato plant 4 pints of water and a tablespoon of cornstarch. Strain the mix and spray on roses as a natural pesticide. Keep any unused spray refrigerated.